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September 15, 2017 (PBW Project No. 5040)

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam Remedial Project Manager, 6SF-RA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: September 2017 Bi-Monthly Progress Report US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

- 1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period During the preceding two-month period (July August 2017), the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
 - Field investigation activities were performed during July 2017, including those described in WRN AOI-1-4 and WRN AOI-1-5, and other on-property soil, on-property groundwater and off-property soil sampling activities described in the RI/FS Work Plan;
 - Laboratory analyses of soil and groundwater samples collected during the July 2017 field mobilization were performed; and
 - Validation of laboratory analytical data collected during the July 2017 field mobilization was initiated.
- 2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period The complete set of laboratory reports for the July 2017 mobilization has not yet been received from the laboratory. Thus, the data set is incomplete and has not been fully validated. Therefore, since the database sent with the March 15, 2017 bi-monthly report has not been updated with validated data, an updated database is not included with this report.
- 3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion The following work is planned for the next two months:
 - Complete laboratory analyses of soil and groundwater samples collected in July 2017;
 - Complete validation of laboratory analytical data;
 - Provide an updated and validated database to EPA and TCEQ;
 - Perform evaluation of soil and groundwater data;

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- Schedule a data review meeting with EPA and TCEQ; and
- Review and discuss EPA and TCEQ comments on the Draft Site-Specific Background Soil Concentration Calculations Memorandum.
- 4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Pastor, P.E. Project Coordinator

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